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NEWSLETTER FOR TSUD FACULTY AND STAFF

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## OUTSTANDING FACULTY AND STAFF "SHOW UP" FOR AWARDS

Wednesday, September 26, 2001, was a special day for the TSUD family as faculty, staff, friends, and family alike gathered in the Harrison Room to honor some of our own. Mr. Bill Lipscomb opened the awards ceremony with an inspirational message applauding the professional dedication and inspiring skill for which the awardees were being honored.

Citing the example of a recent movie where a coach, struggling to bolster the members of his troubled inner-city baseball team, proudly tells his kids "One of the most important things in life is showing up... I am blown away by your ability to show up." Lipscomb thanked the honorees for showing up "in a very big way" because of a "devotion and a desire to serve TSUD, our students, and this community."

For the College of Arts and Sciences, Mr. Fred Feagin received the Outstanding Faculty Award while Ms. Susan Bostick (not pictured) received the Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Award.

For the College of Business Administration, Dr. Khamis Bilbeisi received the Outstanding Faculty Award while Dr. Donald Gibson received the Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Award.

For the College of Education, Dr. Jan Gunnels received the Outstanding Faculty Award while Mr. Bob Willis received the Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Award.

Presentation of the Outstanding Professional Staff Award went to Mr. Scot Craig.

Presentation of the Outstanding Classified Staff Award went to Mr. Chris Bryant.



Pictured above from left to right: Dr. Alan Belches and Mr. Fred Feagin



Pictured above from left to right: Dr. Donald Gibson, Dr. Adair Gilbert, and Dr. Khamis Bilbeisi



Pictured above from left to right: Mr. Bob Willis, Dr. Jan Gunnels, and Dr. Cynthia Lumpkin



Pictured above from left to right: Mr. Scot Craig, Mr. Chris Bryant, and Dr. Michael Malone

## TSUD INVITATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT RAISES \$10,000 FOR SCHOLARSHIPS



TSUD President Michael Malone, right, congratulates TSUD Invitational Golf Tournament Committee member Mr. Taylor Barbaree, left, after the conclusion of the first annual event.

Under the auspice of clear skies and a great turnout, the first annual Troy State University Dothan Invitational Golf Tournament carded an "Eagle" last month for University scholarships at Dothan's award winning Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail, Highland Oaks course.

The Thursday, September 27, 2001, tournament sponsored by Jackson Thornton Technologies LLC, Mayer Electric, Sodexho, Dairy Fresh, Waitt Outdoor, Photorama, Scenic Cable, WOOF 99.7 FM, and other local sponsors helped raise more than \$10,000. Monies raised from the tournament will go into the TSUD Alumni Association Scholarship account and the TSUD General Scholarship Fund.

"This is a great day for our University and our community," said TSUD President Michael Malone, noting the more than 213 tournament participants and 136 golfers that competed in the 18-hole, four man scramble. "This (tournament) really says a lot about us and what this community can accomplish when working together for a common cause, such as raising support for scholarships so a young person might have an opportunity to receive a college degree."

The tournament, initiated by the TSUD Alumni Association Executive Committee during April 2001, took its direction by the establishment of a 26-member golf committee, comprised of TSUD alumni, friends, and University staff.

"I am elated over what this committee has done in preparation for this tournament," said Debora Pettway, TSUD Alumni Association President. "I am also thankful for the support received from Dr. Malone, Dr. Alford, our faculty, staff, and students. The Executive Board and I want the golf tournament to become an annual event, although we are not sure how to top this one! September 27, 2001 was truly a mark in history for the TSUD Alumni Association."

Serving on the TSUD Invitational Golf Committee were: Susan Parks, Chair; LeAnn Wheelan, Vice-Chair; State Senator Harri Anne Smith, Hon. Chair; Debora Pettway, TSUD Alumni Association President; Taylor Barbaree, TSUD; Suzanne Barrick, Dothan Eagle; Larry Bell, Dothan Coca-Cola; Linda Casey, TSUD Alumni Association Executive Committee; Julia Cox, TSUD Alumni Association 2001-2002 Scholarship recipient; Adam Easley, Jackson Thornton Technologies LLC; Angie Edwards, Tom West/Century 21 Realty; Cindy Halcomb, TSUD; Susan Holmes, TSUD Alumni Association President-Elect; Susannah Ivey, TSUD; Emily Jones, Jackson Thornton Technologies LLC; Kim Martin, Scenic Cable; Mary McCruter, TSUD; Alex McMahan, TSUD; John McQueen, TSUD; Dale Sanders, Mayer Electric; Jim Sapp, Merrill Lynch; Keith Seagle, TSUD; Connie Snyder, TSUD Alumni Association Executive Committee; Faith W. Ward, TSU Alumni Affairs Office; Ann Wells, TSUD; and Sam Wise, Sodexho. Lt. Governor Steve Windom, along with other local and state dignitaries, participated in the tournament and helped in making it a success.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### UPON REFLECTION . . .

Our dear friend and former colleague, Tony Whetstone, once remarked something to the effect that I couldn't complete a sentence without using the word community. Upon reflection, Tony was right (as usual). Since September 11, how often have you used the words community and/or family?

In my view, not since World War II have people come together reflecting a true sense of community. On September 11 our world changed. The test of whether our world changed for the better is still to be defined. However, based on recent observations we seem to have a temporary sensitivity to the needs of others, i.e., the essence of community.

Our sense of community and family has always existed at this institution. The TSUD "Family" has always rallied around its own in times of loss and grief. This is part of our culture--this is who we are. This wonderful legacy is passed on to our students, our alumni, and our community supporters.

I am so proud of you, and so proud to be part of this family and caring community!

*Michael E. Malone*  
President



## TROY STATE ON TOUR: CONNECTING WITH OUR COMMUNITIES

On September 10, 2001, the immense Troy State University bus rolled into Dothan. Troy State alumni and other public dignitaries such as TSUD President Michael Malone, TSUM President Cameron Martindale, and the Chancellor of The Troy State University System, Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr., filled the bus.

The bus tour made stops in 11 cities including Ozark and Dothan. The tour stop in Dothan was held at Millennium Park in downtown Dothan. Northview High School band members and cheerleaders along with TSU cheerleaders lined the street to greet the bus riders. Dothan's Mayor, Chester Sowell, proclaimed it "Troy State Day" in Dothan and thanked The Troy State University System for the tremendous influential role that they play in the surrounding areas.

The purpose of "Troy State on Tour" was to celebrate the role that it plays in southeast Alabama and also to reinforce the ties between The TSU System and the communities that it serves. "Troy State on Tour" was intended to boost awareness of The TSU System's key role in the region, highlighting its ongoing efforts to enhance the region's quality of life.

Over two hundred Dothanites and Troy State University System alumni and supporters came to the Dothan tour stop to celebrate "Troy State on Tour."



Mayor Chester Sowell presents proclamation to TSUD President Michael Malone, as Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr. applauds.

## ACTIVITIES OF THE PRESIDENT

**July/August/September 2001**

Presided as chair of Articulation and General Studies Committee work session/meeting at Gulf Shores  
Participated in Leadership Alabama activity in Montgomery  
Participated in Aviation Museum Board meeting  
Presided at Alabama Humanities Foundation Executive Committee meeting in Birmingham  
Participated in System Strategic Planning workshop in Troy  
Participated in Council of Presidents meeting in Montgomery  
Attended TSU commencement in Troy  
Attended Wiregrass United Way Executive Committee meetings  
Participated in TSUD Title III Press conference  
Participated in System Executive Committee meetings in Troy  
Served as chair of Wiregrass United Way Campaign  
Attended Dale County, Coffee County, and Houston County United Way kickoff celebrations  
Attended TSU Board of Trustees meeting in Troy  
Taught EDL class at TSUD  
Attended CLEAR meeting in Montgomery and Dothan  
Presided at System Academic Coordinating Council meetings in Troy  
Attended Wiregrass Forum meetings in Ozark  
Participated in System Bus Tour  
Served as juror for Houston County Criminal Court  
Participated in TSUD Outstanding Faculty/Staff award ceremony  
Participated in TSUD Alumni Golf Tournament

*A big thanks to the students, faculty, and staff who walked with me and my family in the 2001 Heart Walk and raised \$1,042.00 for the Heart Association. It was a beautiful morning, and we had a great time!*

*Cindy Halcomb*  
TSUD Heart Walk Chair

## LIBRARY/TECHNOLOGY BUILDING UPDATE

Dr. Deavers is pleased to report that preliminary inspections are completed, and the contractor is on the final stages of completion of the Library/Technology Building. The TSUD Grounds Department is working diligently to complete the lovely landscaping.



## ExEL PROGRAM

The ExEL Program held group counseling sessions on July 17 and 18, 2001, at the Northside Mall location. The following students were presented certificates for outstanding achievement:

### President's List

Bonnie Adkins	Debra Cofty
Helen Bringham	Kendall Lay
Amber Byrd	Cindy Whitfield

### Dean's List

Betty Booker	Paula Raley
Jeff Hatfield	Travis Sheppard
Ron Nichols	Brian Williams
Howard O'Dell	Nancy Woods

Three Alternative A students were recognized for achieving a 4.0 GPA for the semester: Marci Conti, JoAnn Hicks, and Paige Patton. Director Nancy Ludlum shared information regarding the program, and Counselor Carolyn Bass addressed problems and concerns of the students.

ExEL is designed to offer scholarships, high-quality preparation, and support services to prospective teachers who agree, in return, to teach in high-need schools.



ExEL students meet in groups to discuss concerns and projected schedules.

## TSUD AMERICAN CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

TSUD Student Government Association held an American Candlelight Ceremony on September 17, 2001, in memory of the Americans who were killed in the September 11<sup>th</sup> terrorist attacks. The Student Government Association president, Ms. Janice Stevens, opened the ceremony with a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem. The Christian Student Fellowship president, Ms. Angela Schneckloth, gave the invocation to the spectators. The students, faculty, and staff sang "The National Anthem" and "America the Beautiful" and mourned the loss of those who were killed. Over one hundred candles lit the campus to remember and pay their respects to the Americans who perished on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Our bond at TSUD has not been weakened by these terrorist attacks, rather it has been strengthened, and as a result we will unite as a country.



Ms. Corey Shaw, SGA Vice President, and Dr. Richard Williams, Assistant Dean and Associate Professor of Management in the College of Business Administration, among other students, faculty, and staff, light candles in memory of those who were killed on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

## 1999 NEW AND IMPROVED OFFICIAL DEFAULT RATES OF 3.6 FOR TSUD

TSUD has received their 1999 Default Rate Report of 3.6% from the U.S. Department of Education. These rates are published each year. All schools must stay under a 25% default rate to continue in the loan program without being subject to sanctions or losing their program. Jonua Byrd, director of financial aid and veterans' affairs, stated, "At TSUD we have continued to strive for educating our students on the loan program from the beginning to end. Each student must complete an On-Line Entrance Counseling process prior to having a loan completed. This ensures that the student understands a loan must be repaid after leaving school, graduating, or dropping below half-time status. Each year a student must reapply for a new loan by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and in about six weeks they receive a student copy called the Student Aid Report (SAR) that will list all loans received. This information will help the student understand the estimated indebtedness and their approximate repayment on their loan obligations. The upfront counseling that Alex McMahan gives each loan student that comes into his office and the continued effort that Janet Ridgeway puts into ensuring their paperwork is accurate is the reason that TSUD's default rate has not increased this year. Alex and Janet both put forth 100% in their efforts to insure that students receive all their information in a timely manner. Our students at TSUD are very responsible and understanding about their loan obligations."

## LIBRARY NEWS

by Julia Smith, director of library services

Looking across campus at the almost completed Library/Technology Building brings conflicting emotions to some of the "old-timers" here at TSUD. Here are some Library milestones:

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| 1969-1971  | A coordinator of library services was employed by TSU/Fort Rucker. 1,700 books were brought from the Troy Campus Library, shelved together in the Center Library on post, and the coordinator served as reference librarian for anyone needing assistance. |
| 1973       | TSU/Fort Rucker established its own library in a renovated former barracks, Bldg. 601 at Fort Rucker.  |
| 1976       | TSU Dothan Library Services began in 1976. An agreement was reached with the public library to provide space to house materials. Audio-visual equipment was kept in Houston Hall.  |
| 1979       | All audiovisuals, periodicals, and indexes were moved to the 7 <sup>th</sup> floor of Houston Hall. In the same year a curriculum lab was developed as well. Books were still located at the public library location.                                      |
| 1983       | All 7 <sup>th</sup> floor operations (excluding curriculum lab and audiovisual services, which remained) and the public library operations were consolidated in a newly purchased building at 304 N. Foster.   |
| 1985       | All operations at 304 N. Foster were moved to 315 N. Foster.   |
| 1986       | Fort Rucker Library Operations consolidated with Dothan operations. Fort Rucker Library closed.  |
| 1990       | Occupied 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor of Adams Hall at new campus on 231 North.   |
| Sept. 2001 | Anticipating move across the quad to the Library/Technology Building.  |



## FACULTY NEWS

**Dr. Patricia Fritchie** met with Panhandle Area Educational Consortium Technology Specialist and Curriculum Coordinator in late August; she attended a conference for Administrator's Standards, ALAPT3 grant committee, in Birmingham, AL, on September 6; she was notified that Literacy Teaching and Technology, an online course written by her, has been approved by Hampton University in VA to be taught beginning in middle October through Teacher Education Institute; she is currently teaching an online course, Teachers Discovering Computers, to Morehead University faculty; she attended the Governor's Safety Meeting in Dothan on September 27; she is currently reviewing prepublication text, Language Arts: Expanding the Possibilities for Prentice Hall, Pub.

**Dr. Jan Gunnels** was elected Region 4 Representative for the Governing Board for the National Association of Early Childhood Teacher Educators (Region 4 includes Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Tennessee); had a presentation proposal, *Sharing, caring, reading, and writing: Practical classroom approaches for developing children's literacy*, accepted for the National Association for the Education of Young Children 2001 Annual Conference in Anaheim, CA (the presentation is a collaborative effort with colleagues from Auburn University and the University of Wisconsin); was chosen as the Outstanding Faculty Member for the College of Education.

**Dr. Barbara Gusick's** article "Ambrose's Idea of God's Superabundance and the Construction of Work in the Towneley Cycle" was recently published in Vol. 7 of Publications of the Medieval Association of the Midwest; she also presented a paper entitled "Theatricality and Thaumaturgy in the York Entry into Jerusalem" at the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Medieval Association of the Midwest, held at the University of Wisconsin (Madison).

**Dr. Sandra Lee Jones** co-presented poster session on the "Student Technology Corps," with Dr. Robert Melczarek at Merlot International Conference in Tampa, FL, on August 13-14; served as the teacher education member of a focus group on a McGraw-Hill project to redesign their web site on August 14; hosted a concurrent session at Merlot International Conference in Tampa, FL, on August 15; co-presented with Dr. Darrell Pearson of Troy State University a Showcase of Technology Best Practices session on MERLOT at the Alabama PT3 Technology Resource Development Summit in Birmingham on September 20.

**Dr. Dorinda Van Loo** gave a presentation on Stress of the Caregiver at the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Coping with the Aging Process Seminar.



## COURTESY COMMITTEE REPORT

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### Get Well Card & Flowers

\*Kathy Hale

### Get Well Cards

\*W. P. Lipscomb, Jr. (Bill Lipscomb's father)

\*Dr. Doug Patterson

\*Viola Powell

\*Dr. Dorinda Van Loo

### Sympathy Cards

\*Ms. Tina Bernath (on the death of her grandmother, Mrs. Georgia Long)

\*Ms. Demetria Boone (on the death of her grandmother)

\*Dr. Robert Burroughs (on the death of his grandfather)

\*Dr. Ronnie Capps (on the death of his brother)

\*Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Rivers (on the death of Jamesie's mother)

### Donations

\*Outreach for Souls Church (in memory of Betty Morris, Sherry Brown's mother)

\*TSUD Library (for purchase of a book on the Civil War in memory of Fred Capps)

### New Baby Card

\*Mrs. Michelle Roland

### Thank You Cards Received

(Due to the number and length of thank you notes received, we are not able to print full text of notes.)

\*Alzheimer's Resource Center, Inc. (in memory of Noah Lee Cordell)

\*Dr. Ronnie Capps

\*Mrs. Reta Cordell

\*Mrs. Kathy Hale

\*Mrs. Annie Cile Hicks and Mrs. Jamesie C. Rivers

\*Mr. Jimmy Morris & Family (Sherry Brown)

\*Ms. Kim Watkins (TSUD student)

## BIRTHDAYS FOR OCTOBER

- 6 Keith Panco
- 6 Mary Davis
- 6 Sherry Brown
- 14 Bob Willis
- 14 Joy Carr
- 21 Shane Stonesifer
- 26 Lakilya Porter
- 27 Richard Martin
- 30 Carolyn Jordan

## BIRTHDAYS FOR NOVEMBER

- 1 Brenda Ameter
- 1 Harlan Washington
- 2 Gaye Peacock
- 4 Harry Wills
- 5 William Lipscomb
- 21 Debbie Christian
- 23 Ronnie Creel
- 28 Elizabeth Fell

## BIRTHDAYS FOR DECEMBER

- 1 Barbara Minsky
- 1 Sherri Burns
- 3 Cindy Halcomb
- 4 Scot Craig
- 5 Alex McMahan
- 5 Diana Parker
- 6 Priscilla McArthur
- 6 Richard Williams
- 9 Reta Cordell
- 12 Patricia Fritchie
- 15 Jean Kirkland
- 16 Gary Buchanan
- 25 Dennis Pearson
- 27 Pam Parris
- 30 Matthew Elbeck
- 31 Kerri Parris

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